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per per LCE 12/13/0 This Amendment is responsive to the Final Official Action mailed June 15, 2007 (Paper No. 20070611), the date of response to which has been extended two months up to and including November 15, 2007, in view of the attached two-month extension of time petition and petition fee.